HANDLE

Unique ID: MAS-D100134

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

The stem of a silver fork or spoon with a hallmark pattern.

The set of four hallmarks located together on the piece of cutlery indicates it was made later than 1781, when this practice was first introduced. Based on this image, this type of spoon/fork is possibly a Fiddle pattern - this refers to the shape of the handle - and is a type introduced in the 1780s and still in production today. The Fiddle pattern means that there are shoulders on the stem near the bowl, which is seen on this example. The lower end of the stem juts out around 90 degrees but this example may have been worn down in the marine environment. Dominant throughout the nineteenth century, Fiddle pattern is the most commonly found pattern from the 1800s. Originating in France, it first occurred in England from the 1760s without the shoulders on the stem near the bowl. The most common Fiddle pattern variants are Fiddle & Thread and Fiddle, Thread & Shell. The production of plain Fiddle pattern ceased around the time of World War One (https://www.antiquesilverspoons.co.uk/spoon-info accessed January 2018).

Notes:

This item was found with one stoneware salt glazed jar (MAS-D100132), two clear glass fruit bottles, one ornate green glass wine bottle, one black glass bottle, one tall wine bottle brown glass hexagonal at base (MAS-D100133) and three ceramic bottles (MAS-D100156).

Class: FOOD PREPARATION AND CONSUMPTION **Sub class:** CUTLERY

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder
Subsequent action after recording: Submitted as wreck to the Receiver of Wreck

Wreck details

Droit number: 316/17

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL
Period from: POST MEDIEVAL
Period to: MODERN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 18th October 2017

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: L R
Identified by: L R
Secondary identifier: V L

Other reference numbers

Droit ID: 316/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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